

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/JP2005/006687

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04L12/56

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	EP 1 313 274 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD) 21 May 2003 (2003-05-21) column 6, line 7 - column 6, line 43 column 8, line 27 - line 51 figure 2 -----	1-9
Y	WO 03/034763 A (MOTOROLA INC; DELOUME, PASCAL, STEPHANE; GARANI, PRADEEP) 24 April 2003 (2003-04-24) page 5, line 1 - page 6, line 3; figure 1 page 7, line 1 - page 8, last line; figure 2 -----	1-9
A	LINKSYS: "EtherFast Cable/DSL Router with QoS and 8-Port Switch (BEFSR81 User Guide)" LINKSYS, 2003, XP002335011 page 53 - page 54; figures 6-26 -----	1-9

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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1. claims: 1-9

A packet-relay unit comprising a first and a second network interfaces (NI), a function setting-switch for setting quality guarantee to packets fed into the second NI by the first NI, wherein said second NI comprises a classifying unit adapted to either send said packet directly to the transceiver of said second NI, if the quality guarantee for said packet is not set, or send the packet to the transceiver via a priority control unit, if the quality guarantee for said packet is set.

2. claims: 10-14

A packet-relay unit comprising a first and a second network interfaces (NI), a first switch for setting quality guarantee to packets fed into the second NI by the first NI and a marker adapted to increase or decrease the priority of the packet depending on the setting given to the packets by said first switch.

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Information on patent family members

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